

Partial listing of Inishowen National School teachers, 1848

At the end of 1847 there were a total of 3,825 National Schools in the 32 counties of Ireland attended by a total of 402,632 children. Just one year later the number of schools had grown to 4,109 with a massive 25% increase in the number of pupils to 507,469. This increase was attributed by the Commissioners of Education in their annual report for that year to the food distribution program by the British Relief Association.

On April 1st 1848 a system came into effect whereby teachers' annual salaries were determined by their grade as determined by the 4 Head Inspectors whose responsibility it was to assess each teacher in the country. Male teachers were assessed during 1848 with the plan of assessing female teachers during 1849.

The salary scales resulting from the grading were as follows:

Class of teacher	Division	Male teacher salary	Female teacher salary
First Class	First division	£30	£24
	Second division	£25	£20
	Third division	£22	£18
Second Class	First division	£20	£15
	Second division	£18	£14
Third Class	First division	£16	£13
	Second division	£14	£12
Probationary teachers	-	£10	£9
Assistant teachers	-	£10	£9
Mistresses to teach needlework	-	-	£6

School teachers from Inishowen were assessed by the inspectors in Derry as follows :

Roll nr	Name of teacher	Name of school	When trained	When appointed	Class when examined	
					Class	Div.
2407	Alexander Cassidy	Ballymacarry male	1839	1840	i	3
160	John McColgan	Bocan	1832	1839	i	3
172	John Friel	Cockhill	1842	1842	i	3
2131	Patrick Mohan	Dristeran	1833	1836	i	3
1572	William McLoughlin	Drumfries	1838	1839	i	3
1805	Hugh O'Donnell	Rasheny	1839	1840	ii	2
170	Phlip Doherty	St. Patrick's Donagh	1842	1843	ii	2
1595	Samuel McFaun	Tooban	-	1844	ii	2

In its report for 1848 the Commissioners reported that they had implemented a gratuity scheme in conjunction with the Poor Law Commissioners to be awarded to the teachers in the workhouses. The scheme allowed 20 male and 20 female teachers to receive the award on the recommendation of the Inspectors.

For the year 1848, the teacher in the Inishowen workhouse, Mary Kearney received the gratuity.